

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Department of Social Services is committed to helping families succeed by supporting quality programs and services to assist them.

Information regarding other programs and services within DSS can be found online at www.dss.sd.gov.

Additional assistance programs include, but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ Long term care programs
- ✓ Medicare Savings Program
- ✓ Child care assistance
- ✓ Child support services
- ✓ Energy and weatherization assistance
- ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- ✓ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Note: *Income and eligibility requirements are different for each program. Applications must be filled out separately for each program listed.*

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Medical Assistance for Children & Families

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The Department of Social Services has several free or low cost medical assistance programs for parents or caretakers with children, children under the age of 19, and pregnant women who meet income limits and eligibility guidelines.

Coverage

Medical Assistance covers a full range of health care services with no premiums to pay. Services include, but not limited to:

- ✓ Doctor visits
- ✓ Hospital visits
- ✓ Vision services
- ✓ Hearing services
- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Immunizations
- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ Mental Health Services

Parents or Caretakers with Children:

To be eligible, the family must consist of a parent or other adult caretaker relative and a dependent child and meet income and eligibility guidelines. A caretaker may be a grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, etc. Below are the income guidelines:

Family Size	*Adjusted Monthly Income Limit*
1	\$563
2	\$703
3	\$796
4	\$885
5	\$977

Amount increases with each additional family member.

Assets must be below \$2,000. Certain assets, such as the home you live in and your primary vehicle do not count.

Children Under the Age of 19:

To be eligible for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), children must be under the age of 19 and meet income guidelines.

Below are the income guidelines for children **without** private health insurance:

Family Size	*Adjusted Monthly Income Limit*
1	\$1,862
2	\$2,522
3	\$3,182
4	\$3,842
5	\$4,502

Amount increases with each additional family member.

Below are the income guidelines for children **with** private health insurance:

Family Size	*Adjusted Monthly Income Limit*
1	\$1,304
2	\$1,766
3	\$2,228
4	\$2,690
5	\$3,152

Amount increases with each additional family member.

Pregnant Women:

To be eligible, a woman must be pregnant and meet income and eligibility guidelines.

Family Size	*Adjusted Monthly Income Limit*
1	N/A (the unborn child is counted)
2	\$1,677
3	\$2,116
4	\$2,555
5	\$2,994

Amount increases with each additional family member.

Additional information regarding eligibility and income guidelines can be found at:

dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/portal/verifyeligibility/index.aspx.

Assets must be below \$7,500. Certain assets, such as the home you live in and your primary vehicle do not count.

“Adjusted monthly income” * means the total countable monthly income minus allowable deductions such as child support received or paid to another household and child care paid so a parent/caretaker can work.

Applying

It is easy to apply for Medicaid/CHIP!

People do not have to go to the local Department of Social Services' (DSS) office to apply. Applications can be mailed or faxed to the nearest DSS office along with the required information.

Applications are available at local DSS offices, schools, hospitals, clinics (including Indian Health Services and other tribally-operated facilities), and other community locations.

Applications can be requested by calling 1-800-305-3064. An application can also be printed from the following website:
dss/sd/gov/formspubs/docs/MEDELGBLTY/DSS-EA-301MCHIPApplication.doc.

People are encouraged to apply whenever they think they may be eligible for medical assistance.

Please note that the income charts may vary from year to year.